

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

June 18, 2013
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
Mr. John C. Austin, President
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President
Mr. Daniel Varner, Secretary
Dr. Richard Zeile, Treasurer
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, NASBE Delegate
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus
Mrs. Eileen Weiser
Mr. Craig Ruff, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

Also Present: Ms. Bobbi Jo Kenyon, 2012-2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Library Services & Technology Act Michigan Report for 2012
- B. First Fuel Breakfast Challenge Toolkit

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Ms. Ramos-Montigny, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mr. Flanagan welcomed Mr. Craig Ruff, Special Education Advisor for Education, who is representing Governor Snyder at the Board table.

Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education and the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

V. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan said Arthur Ellis passed away on June 14, 2013. He said Mr. Ellis was State Superintendent from 1995 until 2001. Mr. Flanagan expressed sympathy to the family of Art Ellis.

Mr. Flanagan said Ms. Deborah Clemmons, Executive Director, School Reform Office, and Dr. Beverly Brown, Education Consultant, and the Michigan Department of Education team developed an excellent Achievement Gap Summit that was held on June 5, 2013.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Adoption of Resolution Honoring the 2012-2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year
- B. Adoption of Resolution Honoring the 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the consent agenda as follows:

- A. adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2013, honoring the 2012-2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year; and**
- B. adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2013, honoring the 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

A resolution honoring the 2012-2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Bobbi Jo Kenyon, is attached as Exhibit A.

A resolution honoring the 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Gary Abud, Jr., is attached as Exhibit B.

VII. PRESENTATION ON MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Ms. Bobbi Jo Kenyon presented her final report as the 2012-2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year. She shared a video presentation highlighting her activities over the past year while serving as the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Kenyon said she is thankful for the opportunity to sit at the Board table and offer a teacher's perspective. She congratulated Gary Abud, Jr., on being named the 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year. She thanked her family for their support.

Mr. Austin presented Ms. Kenyon with a resolution honoring her as the 2012-2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year. He said it was particularly helpful to have Ms. Kenyon seated at the Board table, because she teaches in an urban school district and has a passion for helping students who have furthest to travel to meet their academic goals.

VIII. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year and State-Level Finalists

Mr. Flanagan said on May 23, 2013, he made a surprise announcement at North High School in Grosse Pointe naming Mr. Gary Abud, Jr., as the 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year. He said Mr. Abud is a physics and chemistry teacher in the school where he attended high school.

Ms. Linda Forward, Director, Office of Education Improvement and Innovation, presented the 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year and State Level Finalists. Ms. Forward showed a video of the surprise announcement, and introduced Mr. Abud and his guests.

Mr. Abud said he is honored to be chosen as the 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year, and he thanked Grosse Pointe Public School System staff and family members. He said he is thankful for the opportunity and looks forward to working with the Board and learning more about education beyond the four walls of the classroom. He said he will continue Ms. Kenyon's work of providing a wider perspective by sharing the great things that are happening in classrooms.

Ms. Forward introduced the state finalists Misty Balkema, Social Studies and grades five and six teacher at Lawrence Elementary School, Lawrence Public Schools; Todd Chappa, third grade teacher at Lake Center Elementary, Portage Public Schools; and Michael Medvinski, music teacher at Oakwood Elementary, Brandon School District. Ms. Forward also introduced the guests of Ms. Balkema, Mr. Chappa, and Mr. Medvinsky.

Ms. Forward introduced Ms. Pam Harlin, representing Meemic Insurance. Ms. Forward said Meemic Insurance provides a monetary award of \$1,000 to be used for the advancement of education in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, as well as monetary awards to the schools where the three state finalists teach. Ms. Forward said Mr. Abud will have the use of a vehicle during his tenure as Michigan Teacher of the Year courtesy of Meemic Insurance. Ms. Forward thanked Ms. Harlin and Meemic Insurance.

Mr. Austin presented Mr. Abud with a resolution honoring him as the 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year, and welcomed him to the Board table. He said the Board looks forward to working with Mr. Abud.

Mr. Flanagan presented Thomas Harwood, Superintendent, Grosse Pointe Public School System; and Kate Murray, Principal, North High School; with a plaque to display in the school commemorating Gary Abud, Jr., as the 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Board members presented the state finalists with lapel pins certificates. Mr. Abud was presented with a sculpture and lapel pin.

IX. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan expressed sympathy to Mrs. Eileen Weiser on the recent passing of her mother.

X. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

XII. PRESENTATION ON OFFICE OF GREAT START REPORT

Ms. Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Great Start; and Mr. Jeremy Reuter, Special Assistant, Office of Great Start; presented the Office of Great Start Report.

Mr. Flanagan said Executive Order 2011-8 created the Office of Great Start within the Michigan Department of Education. He said Great Start is charged with leading efforts to coordinate and integrate Michigan's investment in children from birth through age 8 including prenatal. He said the presentation includes information from the Great Start Report.

Ms. Broman said in Public Act 200 of 2012 the Legislature required that the Office of Great shall prepare a report that contains a comprehensive state plan for early childhood learning and development.

Ms. Broman and Mr. Reuter used a [PowerPoint presentation](#) to share information on the report, *Great Start, Great Investment, Great Future, The Plan for Early Learning and Development in Michigan*.

Board member discussion included assumptions that all children need early childhood programs, implementation of kindergarten readiness assessments, bipartisan support for early childhood program resources, Board task force on early childhood literacy, rates of kindergarteners coming to school ready to learn, the effect of early childhood investment on third grade reading proficiency, Medicaid funding, funding for medical and educational programs, collaborative effort, distribution of parent education information and activities, ReadyKits, performance metrics framed to measure the positive, future discussion at the Board table regarding early childhood education, alignment of system leadership, investment in prevention, Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MiBLSi), support from the Governor's Office, a single enrollment form, and the quality rating system for early learning services.

There was discussion regarding length of time spent on discussion of agenda items and length of Board meetings. There was Board consensus to discuss these issues at the next agenda planning meeting.

XIII. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

There were no Board member comments regarding grant criteria.

XIV. RECESS

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- F. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 14, 2013

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 14, 2013.

Mrs. Straus said that Page 4 of the meeting minutes should be amended to include a statement that members of the State Board of Education and members of the House Appropriations

Subcommittees on School Aid and Michigan Department of Education Budgets agreed to establish a joint task force on school finance. There was Board consensus to include the amendment.

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended by discussion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- G. Approval of Minutes of State Board of Education Planning Meeting of May 21, 2013

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Planning Meeting of May 21, 2013.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XVI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said he appreciates Craig Ruff's participation in State Board of Education meetings, and he will be included in Board communications and agenda planning meetings.

Mr. Austin said discussion on school reorganization and finance is needed and the Board should lead and participate in the discussion. He said stress on the current system is being felt. He said the way education is organized and financed has to include and deal with a quality school choice and charter strategy that leads to success.

XVII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- H. Human Resources Report
- I. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Allegan County Area Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- J. Report on the Revised Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- K. Report on Teacher Certification Revocation Decision

Grants

L. Report on Grant Awards

- 2012-2013 Safe and Supportive Schools Grant – Amendment - 1
- 2012-2013 Safe and Supportive Schools Grant – Amendment – 2
- 2011-2012 Title II, Part A(3) – Improving Teacher Quality – Amendment
- 2011-2012 Title II, Part A(3) – Improving Teacher Quality – Initial
- 2012-2013 ISD Collaboration Grant – Amendment, Continuation
- 2012-2013 Michigan Charter School Grant Program – Amendment, Continuation
- 2012-2013 Section 22.i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grants – Amendment
- 2012-2013 Section 22.i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grants, Category 4 – Initial
- 2011-2012 Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting – Amendment
- 2012-2013 McKinney-Vento Homeless Students Assistance Grant – Amendment
- 2012-2013 Region 3 ISD Partnership Grant – Amendment, Continuation
- 2012-2013 Title I, Part C Summer Migrant Program Allocations – Initial
- 2012-2013 Title I, Part D – Prevention and Intervention for Neglected and Delinquent – Amendment

Mr. Flanagan said Department staff will provide an update on the Education Technology Work Group. Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services; Mr. Michael Flaminio, Webmaster, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs; and Ms. Kaylee Cornfield, Digital Media Specialist, Accountability Services; shared information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

XVIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12:34 p.m.

XIX. DISCUSSION REGARDING NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION (NASBE) BYLAWS, PUBLIC EDUCATION POSITIONS, AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS FOR 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ms. Michelle Fecteau, National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Delegate, said State Board of Education members have received a communication from NASBE regarding proposed changes to the NASBE Bylaws and Public Education Positions. She said she and Mrs. Straus have reviewed the changes, and she is recommending approval.

Ms. Fecteau moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, that the State Board of Education approve the proposed changes to the National Association of State Boards of Education Bylaws and Public Education Positions, as attached to the NASBE Delegate's memorandum dated June 7, 2013.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Straus, Ulbrich,
Varner, Zeile
Absent During Vote: Weiser**

The motion carried.

Ms. Fecteau said NASBE is also requesting that nominations for the 2014 NASBE Board of Directors be submitted by July 14, 2013. She said she has no candidates to put forward for a vote at this time. She said the voting will occur at the annual NASBE meeting in July, prior to the next State Board of Education meeting. She said she will attend the NASBE meeting.

Mr. Varner said he is happy with Ms. Fecteau using her judgment when casting a ballot for Michigan at the annual NASBE meeting. There was Board consensus.

Ms. Fecteau said NASBE is also accepting nominations for the 2014 Policy Leader of the Year Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Friend of Education Award. She said nominations are due July 5, 2013.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education nominate Diane Ravitch for the National Association of State Boards of Education Friend of Education Award.

Mrs. Weiser said Ms. Ravitch's recent blog indicates that she opposes the Common Core State Standards. Mrs. Weiser said although she respects Ms. Ravitch, she would oppose the nomination. Mr. Austin said he agrees with Mrs. Weiser.

Mrs. Straus withdrew her motion, and Ms. Fecteau withdrew her support.

Mr. Varner suggested that Mr. Flanagan be nominated for the Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. Varner moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education nominate Michael P. Flanagan for the National Association of State Boards of Education Distinguished Service Award.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XX. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MISSION AND PRIORITIES FOR 2013-2015

Mr. Austin said the State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education Mission and Priorities for 2013-2015 were developed based on discussion at the Board's May 21, 2013, Planning Meeting.

Mr. Austin said the State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education Mission is that all students graduate ready for careers, college, and community. He said the Board has two priorities and the Department has six priorities. He said the Board supports the Department priorities.

Ms. Fecteau said she is proposing that special education services and schools in deficit be listed in Board Priority 2.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, that the State Board of Education approve the State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education Mission and Priorities for 2013-2015, as attached to the President's memorandum dated June 14, 2013, and as amended by discussion.

Following discussion, there was Board consensus to add teacher preparation, English as a second language, migrant education, and curriculum to Priority 2.

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended by discussion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education Mission and Priorities for 2013-2015 are attached as Exhibit C.

Mr. Austin said Board Priority 1 is leading in developing a vision and comprehensive plan for redesigning Michigan school organization and finance. He said the Board should continue bipartisan discussions with the appropriations committee of the legislature and Governor's Office.

Mr. Austin said he proposes gathering existing analysis and information on school organization and finance; gathering information from other states; and developing the Board's perspective of major issues, directions and areas of focus.

Dr. Ulbrich recommended that Mr. Austin establish a committee of the Board to begin the work.

Ms. Fecteau said when seeking input, the constituency groups should be inclusive to provide a full perspective.

Mr. Austin said he will begin to build a framework for committee work, and contact Board members to serve on the committee.

XXI. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

At the request of Mr. Flanagan, Mrs. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and Support Services, introduced Ms. Kate Vaughn to the State Board of Education. Ms. Vaughn is a new employee in the Library of Michigan.

XXII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Marianne Yared McGuire, Detroit, Michigan. Ms. McGuire, former State Board of Education member, shared verbal comments regarding Mumford High School in Detroit.
- B. Mr. Donovan Smith, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Smith shared verbal comments regarding Mumford High School in Detroit and the Education Achievement Authority.
- C. Ms. Maiyoua Vang, Dearborn, Michigan. Ms. Vang provided verbal comments regarding Mumford High School in Detroit and the Education Achievement Authority.

XXIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES ON COMMUNICATIONS AND TRAVEL

Mr. Austin reviewed the Michigan State Board of Education Per Diem and Travel Reimbursement Policy, and the Communications Policies and Practices.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Fecteau, that the State Board of Education approve the State Board of Education Per

Diem and Travel Reimbursement Policy, and State Board of Education Communications Policies and Practices, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 7, 2013.

Mr. Varner asked if the Communications Policies and Practices, third bullet, second paragraph, would include statements of Board committees.

Dr. Ulbrich said she would recommend that a statement of a Board committee be labeled as such, including a listing of committee members. There was Board consensus.

Mrs. Straus said statements of Board committees should be used in rare instances when timing does not allow for a meeting of the full Board.

Following discussion, there was Board consensus to include a footnote that statements of Board committees should be used in rare instances.

Dr. Zeile clarified that Board committees are those that have been appointed by the Board, and not informal committees.

Mr. Varner suggested that the first two paragraphs of the Per Diem and Travel Reimbursement Policy be combined for clarity. There was Board consensus.

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended by discussion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The State Board of Education Per Diem and Travel Reimbursement Policy is attached as Exhibit D.

The State Board of Education Communications Policies and Practices document is attached as Exhibit E.

XXIV. RECESS

The Board recessed Regular meeting at 1:28 p.m. to reconvene the Committee of the Whole.

Committee of the Whole

XXV. UPDATE ON MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS

Dr. Deborah Ball, Chair, Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness; and Dean, University of Michigan School of Education; presented an update on the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness.

Dr. Ball shared information via a PowerPoint presentation. She said the Legislature has charged the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness with developing a fair, transparent, and feasible evaluation system for teachers and school administrators. She said the system will be based on rigorous standards of professional practice and of measurement. She said the goal of the system is to contribute to enhanced instruction, improve student achievement, and support ongoing professional learning.

Board member discussion included balancing evaluation and observation, checks and balances for bias, value added growth models, professional development, opportunities for improvement, and training evaluators.

The final report of the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness will be submitted to the State Board of Education, the Governor, and the state legislature.

Mr. Ruff left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 2:27 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Regular Meeting

XXVII. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs, presented the State and Federal Legislative Update. He said House Bills 4813 and 4815 regarding dissolution of districts will be taken up in the Senate on June 19, 2013.

Dr. Ulbrich, Chair of the Board's Legislative Committee, said House Bills 4813 and 4815 currently apply to two districts, Buena Vista and Inkster, and the Legislative Committee was concerned that additional districts could be impacted in the future. She said on June 14, 2013, the Board's Legislative Committee adopted a unanimous, bipartisan statement on House Bills 4813 and 4815.

Dr. Ulbrich presented the Statement on Charter School Oversight. She said the Board's Legislative Committee met on June 10, 2013, and is recommending approval by the full Board. There was a motion at the May 14, 2013, Board meeting that the Statement on Charter School Oversight be studied further and presented for action at the June meeting.

Mrs. Weiser and Dr. Zeile presented a statement opposing the draft statement on charter school oversight.

Mr. Varner said he needs further study regarding missing pieces that cause contracts to be considered incomplete.

Mr. Austin said he believes it is best to have full support of Board statements, and there needs to be further discussion.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny said the Board has spent several months discussing this issue. She said last month she agreed to delay the vote until the June meeting. She said she is ready to vote.

Dr. Zeile moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, to call for the question.

**Ayes: Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Straus, Ulbrich, Varner,
Weiser Zeile**

Nays: Austin

The motion to call for the question carried.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to approve the Statement on Charter School Oversight, as attached to the Memorandum from Casandra Ulbrich, Chair, State Board of Education Legislative Committee, dated June 20, 2013.

**Austin – No
Fecteau – Aye
Ramos-Montigny – Aye
Straus – Aye
Ulbrich – Aye
Varner – No
Weiser – No
Zeile – No**

The motion failed.

XXVIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- R. Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) from the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA) and the Association for Children's Mental Health
- S. Approval of Criteria for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title II, Part A(3): Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program
- T. Approval of Criteria for Great Start Readiness Program Grants
- U. Approval of State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education Cosponsorship

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- R. approve the two nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), as listed in Attachment A of the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2013, to the SEAC for the terms specified;**
- S. approve the Criteria for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Title II, Part A(3): Improving Basic Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2013;**
- T. approve revised Criteria for Great Start Readiness Program Grants, as described to the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 14, 2013; and**
- U. support the cosponsorship of the 2nd Annual Conference of Early Childhood Research and Evaluation Working Together Toward a Common Goal: Using Research to Inform Practice and Practice to Inform Research, as described to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2013.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXIX. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Straus said she and other Board members visited Reward Schools. She said she visited two schools in Detroit, one in Dearborn, and one in Kalamazoo. She said there was a great deal of parental involvement in the schools. She said the visits were beneficial and should be done every year.

Dr. Zeile said last week, he brought greetings from the Board to Detroit Public Schools at the Project SEED recognition. He said Project SEED is a fifty year old example of community resources providing tutoring primarily in math and science.

Mr. Austin asked that Board members continue to encourage and affirm the Common Core State Standards.

Mr. Austin said the Board received a communication from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals encouraging that animal-friendly techniques be substituted for dissection. Dr. Zeile said he would be willing to study the communication.

Ms. Fecteau said she met with current and past teachers from schools in the Education Achievement Authority. Ms. Fecteau and Mrs. Straus said they would like follow up discussions with the Education Achievement Authority. Mr. Varner suggested, and there was Board consensus, that Dr. John Covington, Chancellor of the Education Achievement Authority, be invited to present at a future Board meeting.

Mr. Austin said Emergency Managers will also be invited to present at a future Board meeting.

XXX. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Flanagan said Board members may contact a member of the Agenda Planning Committee comprised of Mr. Austin, Dr. Ulbrich, and Mr. Varner with suggestions for agenda topics.

XXXI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, August 13, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- B. Tuesday, September 10, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- C. Tuesday, October 8, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- D. Tuesday, November 19, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)

XXXII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available at www.michigan.gov/sbe.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Varner
Secretary

**MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION HONORING**

BOBBI JO KENYON

2012-2013 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Bobbi Jo Kenyon received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology Secondary Education from Central Michigan University and a Master's Degree in Education from Grand Valley State University; and

WHEREAS, Bobbi Jo Kenyon has been a math and science teacher for 14 years at Ottawa Hills High School; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education honored Bobbi Jo Kenyon as the 2012-2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Bobbi Jo Kenyon has shared her passion for the teaching profession, her passion for sharing instructional strategies, and her passion for incorporating technology in the classroom throughout her tenure as the Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kenyon has shared her enthusiasm for serving students in the inner city; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kenyon has worked with the Girl Scouts of West Michigan to start "Girl's University at Ottawa"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kenyon has served as a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Mentor Teacher, Ottawa Hills Science Department Chair, Teacher Mentor, Science Olympiad Coach, Instructional Leadership Team Co-chair; and on the Michigan Principal Fellowship Team; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program and the Milken National Educator Award; and

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Ms. Bobbi Jo Kenyon and the thousands of educators in the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.

Adopted June 18, 2013

**MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION HONORING**

GARY ABUD, JR.

2013-2014 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across the country, teachers open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams; and

WHEREAS, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship, and their hard work and efforts are directly responsible for creating the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year program and the Milken National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education have named Gary Abud, Jr., Physics and Chemistry teacher at Grosse Pointe North High School, Grosse Pointe Public Schools, with five years of teaching experience, as the 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Gary Abud, Jr. and the thousands of educators around the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.

Adopted June 18, 2013

**MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MISSION AND PRIORITIES
2013-2015**

MISSION: All students graduate ready for careers, college, and community.

PRIORITY 1: Lead in developing a vision and comprehensive plan for redesigning Michigan school organization and finance that supports attainment of robust learning standards, necessary skills, and good outcomes for all students; and that provides the requisite, predictable and fairly delivered public funding to reasonably achieve these goals.

PRIORITY 2: Advocate for and impact policies and legislation that address preK-12 education issues, including but not limited to, educator evaluations, Common Core Standards and Assessments, Next Generation Science Standards, low performing schools, early learning, special education services, schools in deficit, teacher preparation, English as a second language, migrant education, and curriculum.

Adopted June 18, 2013

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MISSION AND PRIORITIES
2013-2015**

***MISSION: All students graduate ready for careers, college,
and community.***

PRIORITY 1: Close achievement gaps in reading and math, with an initial focus on African-American young men for whom data show are Michigan's persistently lowest achieving student group.

ACTIVITY 1.1 Finalize internal policy and procedure equity review and analysis by September 2013.

ACTIVITY 1.2 Continue internal professional learning community discussions on achievement gaps among all student groups through June 2015.

ACTIVITY 1.3 Initiate and support a social networking dialogue about best practices for reducing achievement gaps in reading and math for all student groups, with an initial focus on African-American young men by November 2013.

ACTIVITY 1.4 Collect and disseminate best practices for reducing achievement gaps to all school districts and Educator Preparation Institutions by January 2014.

ACTIVITY 1.5 Using input from social networking dialogues, develop a statewide plan for narrowing the achievement gap in reading and math among African-American young men by January 2014.

ACTIVITY 1.6 Implement the statewide plan and evaluate its impact on the achievement gap for African-American young men, as well as other student groups in school years 2014-16.

ACTIVITY 1.7 Design, conduct, and evaluate pilots for schools that target interventions to close the achievement gap for African-American young men in reading and math by August 2016.

ACTIVITY 1.8 Disseminate the findings, strategies, and tools from the pilots that successfully closed the achievement gap to all Michigan schools to apply to all their student groups with gaps, such as Latinos, students with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged.

PRIORITY 2: Increase the number of children in appropriate high quality early learning and development programs.

ACTIVITY 2.1 Implement expansion of Great Start Readiness Program for 17,930 preschool slots for 2013-14 academic year.

ACTIVITY 2.2 Increase program participation and engagement in Great Start to Quality throughout 2013-2014 academic year.

ACTIVITY 2.3 Implement the Great Start to Quality communication strategy to support parents informed choice of quality child care and preschool options beginning August 2013.

ACTIVITY 2.4 Implement initial strategies from the Office of Great Start budget boilerplate report Recommendation #1: *Build Leadership within the System* by October 2013.

PRIORITY 3: Increase the number of children who are reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

ACTIVITY 3.1 Continue implementation of the Career and College Ready standards for reading, writing, and listening by September 2014.

ACTIVITY 3.2 Provide high quality interim assessment tools for students in grades K-3 in early literacy and English language arts by spring 2013 for adoption by districts at their discretion.

ACTIVITY 3.3 Implement the Smarter Balanced Assessments in grades 1 and 2 in English Language Arts in spring 2015.

ACTIVITY 3.4 Implement a kindergarten entry assessment to identify incoming literacy instruction needs by fall 2015 for adoption by districts at their discretion.

ACTIVITY 3.5 Work with state associations to provide professional learning for teachers on best practices in teaching how to read in grades K-3 and how to use the results of data customized for each student by June 2015.

ACTIVITY 3.6 Increase the number of K-3 teachers in Priority Schools who earn National Board Certification by November 2016 and agree to teach in their schools for two additional years after receiving the certification.

PRIORITY 4: Increase the use of personalized teaching methods, including the integration of technology for K-14 grade students to improve learning and outcomes.

ACTIVITY 4.1 Develop common definitions for personalized teaching and educational technology among education stakeholders by October 2013.

ACTIVITY 4.2 Disseminate common definitions to preK-12 and higher education educators and to parents and legislators.

ACTIVITY 4.3 Inventory current levels of use of personalized teaching and technology used in school districts by January 2014.

ACTIVITY 4.4 Identify best practices and methods for personalized teaching and integrated technology by January 2014.

ACTIVITY 4.5 Disseminate personalized teaching and integrated technology best practices and methods to districts and parents by June 2014.

ACTIVITY 4.6 Work with state education associations to provide embedded professional learning for teachers on personalized teaching and integrated technology.

PRIORITY 5: Implement policies and activities to drive quality improvement and accountability in Educator Preparation Institution (EPI) programs.

ACTIVITY 5.1 Implement the revised Educator Preparation Institution score for all EPIs for the first release in spring 2014.

ACTIVITY 5.2 Recruit and approve providers in addition to the NBPTS for third tier teacher licensure by the 2014-15 school year.

ACTIVITY 5.3 Convene a work group of experts to review EPI reform efforts to date and identify additional reform initiatives to improve EPI effectiveness in producing classroom-ready teachers and building-ready administrators.

PRIORITY 6: Reduce health and safety barriers to learning.

ACTIVITY 6.1 Implement the Superintendent's *First Fuel Breakfast Challenge* to increase the number of children eating a healthy school breakfast by June 2015.

ACTIVITY 6.2 Implement the *Healthy and Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010* to increase the number of children eating a healthy school lunch by June 2015.

ACTIVITY 6.3 Implement *Meet Up & Eat Up* with statewide partners to increase the number of children accessing summer meals through the Summer Food Service Program by September 2013.

ACTIVITY 6.4 Identify and disseminate best practices that prevent students from being bullied on school property by June 2015.

ACTIVITY 6.5 Increase the number of students served through the Child and Adolescent Health Center Program, receiving physical and mental health services by September 2015.

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Per Diem and Travel Reimbursement Policy

Per Diem and travel reimbursements shall be provided to each member of the State Board of Education upon individual submission of documentation to the State Board Executive, not to exceed the limits and allocations allotted by the Legislature. Priority will be given to travel related to State Board of Education meetings, NASBE Delegate travel to the national conference, and NASBE orientation for new Board members.

The remaining travel allocation will be divided equally among the eight members of the State Board of Education for Board related travel expenses. If an individual does not exhaust their individual allotment, it may be used to reimburse another Board member.

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Communications Policies and Practices

- State Board of Education (SBE) members will collaborate on and share public statements of the Board with the media through Michigan Department of Education (MDE) communications staff and functionality that reflect formally approved Board positions.
- State Board of Education member communication to schools and school districts, education stakeholders groups, listservs, and education organizations managed by MDE must reflect formally approved SBE positions and decisions.
- Individual SBE members, as state elected officials and as a function of their offices, are encouraged to share their individual viewpoints on education issues with media, constituents, and other elected officials in the form of letters, editorials, press releases, blogs, Facebook, newsletter articles and Twitter accounts, clearly labeled to represent a shared SBE member viewpoint, or a personal SBE member position by using personal SBE letterhead and logo clearly identifying their office (example attached as Exhibit 1).

On any viewpoints shared that have not been voted on by a majority of the State Board of Education, the following disclaimer should be included: "This is a position or statement by the State Board of Education member(s) listed here, and does not reflect an official position or statement by the State Board of Education."

- A statement of a Board committee will be labeled as such, including a listing of committee members.*
- The MDE communications staff will facilitate individual and shared statements (more than one board member) and other communications – that are not formally approved by the board by:
 - Providing full electronic MDE media lists, media listserves, legislator and other elected official lists, when requested.

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SAMPLE PERSONAL LETTERHEAD



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